GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Schools in Jammu and Kashmir
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that ignoramus terrorist groups have been torching schools in the Kashmir Valley with a view to preventing children from getting education;
(b) if so, the number of such schools burnt down by the ignorant terrorists; and
(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to resurrect these schools so that children do not suffer academic year loss?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA)
(a) & (b): As per information received from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir, in the last few months of unrest in Kashmir valley 31 school buildings, 14 fully and 17 partially, have been burnt.
(c): The School Education Department of the State Government has categorized the schools in terms of threat perceptions into three categories viz. normal, sensitive and hypersensitive and all sensitive and hypersensitive schools have been provided watch and ward staff by redeploying the available manpower of education department.
The measures taken by the State Government to protect the schools have resulted in thwarting 14 attempts to burn the schools during last one month. The issue of protection of schools is being monitored regularly and all requisite measures are being taken to ensure protection of the school buildings.
As an interim measure the students enrolled in schools which were damaged in incidents of arson have been enrolled in adjoining schools so that academic interests of students are safeguarded as well as redeployment of teaching and non-teaching staff of the damaged schools accordingly.
All schools remained open during the unrest months and the attendance of the teaching staff is of the order of 90% in some district of Kashmir Division. Recently Board examinations have been conducted successfully in the State with 95% students' attendance.
Under the Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan and Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan, every year State Governments and UT Administrations propose their Annual Work Plan and Budget for central assistance to improve the conditions of schools in their respective States and UTs, which are examined and approved as per extant guidelines of these schemes. Till date, no proposal has been received from the State Government of Jammu & Kashmir with regard to closed or burnt schools in Kashmir Valley.
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